

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Apr 53	2. LOCATION Vicinity Ottawa, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/0320Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes X No	6. SOURCE GOC Observers		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Couple seconds-#1 20 mins - #2	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE 1 - SW 2 - Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One oblong object size of a big cigar, variable fm brilliant red to brilliant white to bluish white & orange moving at a high rate of speed to SW. Second obj rnd, larger than a star, stationary.		11. COMMENTS First oblong strongly suggestive of meteor - second possibly moon.	

Multi

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/UNCLAS/ CITE NO. 203-24. SUBJECT: UFOB

A. DESCRIPTION:

(1) ~~1~~ OBLONG ~~2~~ ROUND

(2) ~~2~~ LARGER THAN A STAR, ~~1~~ SIZE OF A BIG CIGAR

(3) ~~1~~ VARIABLE FROM BRILLIANT RED TO BRILLIANT WHITE TO PLUSH WHITE AND ORANGE.

(4) TWO- 3 MIN. APART

(5) N/A

(6) NOTHING OUTSTANDING

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(1) WAS MANNING GOC POST.

(2) 283 DEG-293 DEG FROM POST FM 53 BLACK ALTITUDE LESS THAN 1,000 FT.

(3) DISAPPEARED A FEW DEGREES SOUTH OF POSITION IN ITEM (2)

(4) ~~2~~ STATIONARY, ~~1~~ HIGH RATE OF SPEED MOVING TO (SW).

(5) INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE SOUTH OF THE POST.

(6) 2 (6 MIN) 1 COUPLE SECONDS

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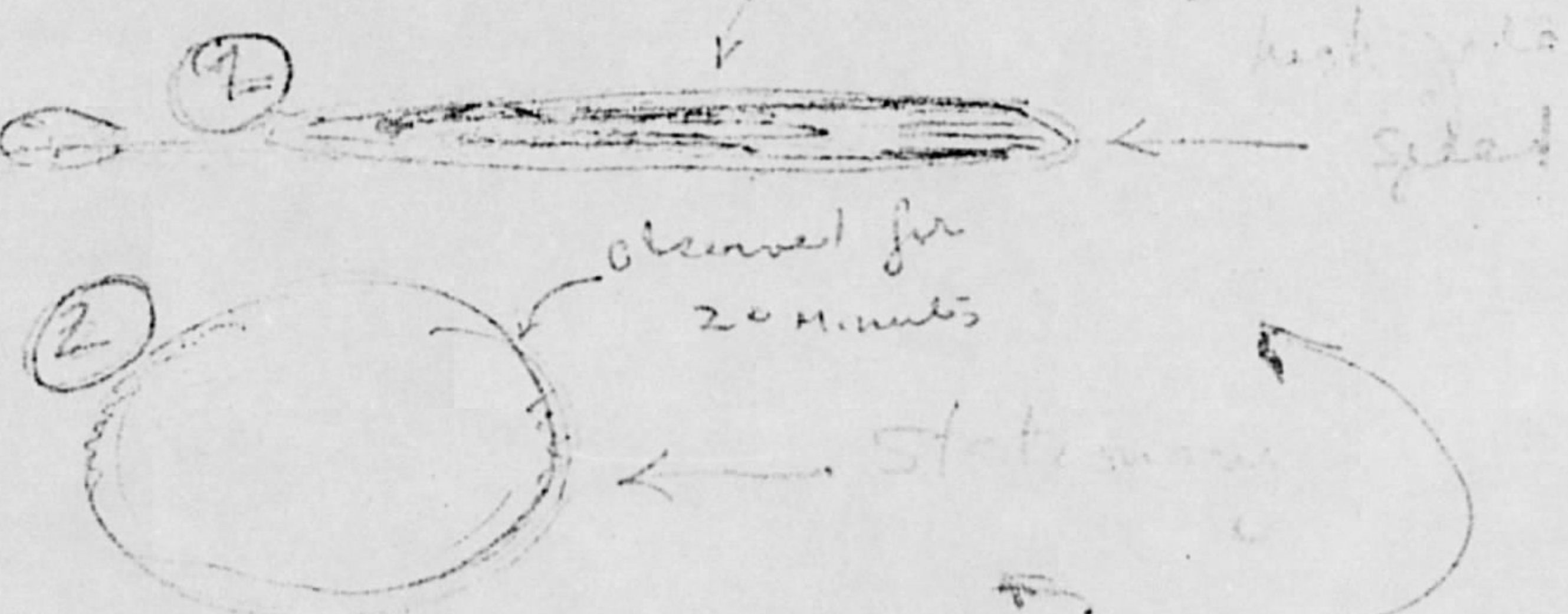
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observed in
a at least 1
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2 Objects

observed for
2 seconds only



seen 3 minutes
apart. Not related
objects -
not seen
together

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L. NONE

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26/0606Z APR RJEDFL

ATC Comment:

1. Astin check shows moon almost due west of GOC at the position given (i.e. LHA of Arnes -127° approx).

2. The brilliant, fiery object observed for only two seconds moving at high speed towards the SW. is highly suggestive of

• Meteorite.

3. Definitely not same object as seen 8-10 minutes ago.

4. On the basis of the above:

Other possible interpretation of two conventional objects - extra position

Check the moon's position at the time of observation. It is due west of GOC at the position given. (i.e. LHA of Arnes -127° approx). The brilliant, fiery object observed for only two seconds moving at high speed towards the SW. is highly suggestive of a meteorite. Definitely not same object as seen 8-10 minutes ago. On the basis of the above: Other possible interpretation of two conventional objects - extra position.

Other

Probably misinterpretation of common two objects (moon & meteorite) due to adverse conditions for sighting.

2. Oddly, seen two minutes after the first sighting - possibly a second object or a reflection of the first object.

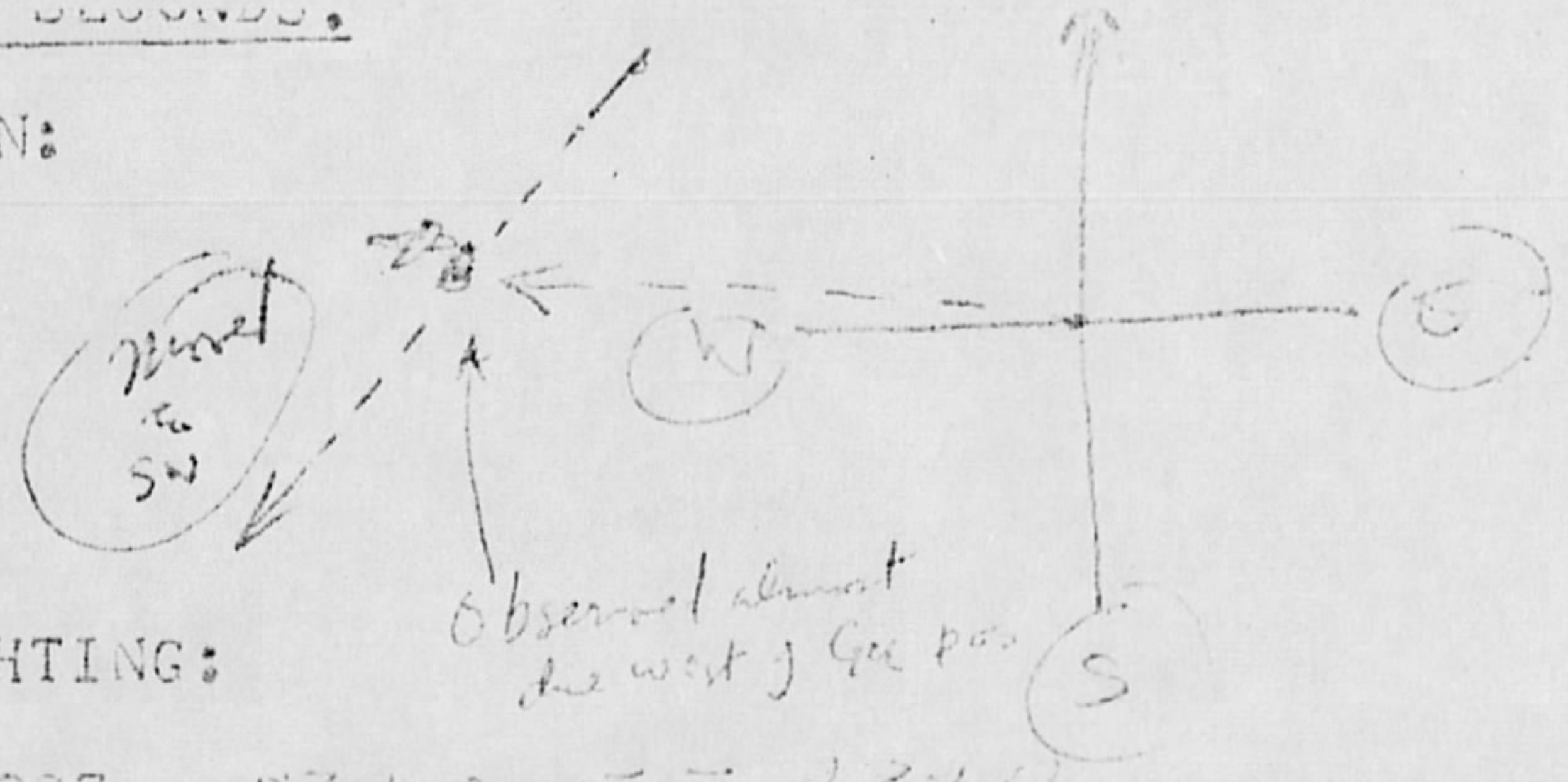
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1. REPORTED, SIGHTED, SIGHTED,

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND VISUAL
- (2) N/A
- (3) N/A



D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) 1 26/0320Z, 2 26/0328Z 0320-5 = 2320
- (2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S):

GOC POST FM 53 BLACK NEAR OTTAWA, PUTMAN COUNTY, OHIO

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

- (1) [REDACTED], POST SUPERVISOR, [REDACTED] AND WIFE AND CHILDREN. [REDACTED], COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR. [REDACTED]

G. WEATHER & WINDS -ALOFT CONDITION TIME & PLACE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) HIGH THIN SCTD V HIGH THIN PRKN 15
- (2) SURFACE- 340 DEG 6 KT

8,000	- 320 DEG 20 KT
10,000	- 300 DEG 30 KT
16,000	- 250 DEG 50 KT
20,000	- 270 DEG 65 KT
30,000	- 270 DEG 100 KT
50,000	- 270 DEG 60 KT
80,000	- 270 DEG 5 KT

- (3) NONE
- (4) 15
- (5) 5/15-7/10
- (6) NONE

H. UNK

I. NONE

J. UNK

K. [REDACTED]

CAPT USAF
SENIOR CONTROLLER

11/57

*See you
reply*
~~April 17, 1963~~
~~File, 1963~~

Major Carl R. Hart
Air Force UFO Information Office
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Hart:

I would appreciate knowing the official Air Force conclusion concerning a UFO sighting in our area a few years ago.

On either April 24 or 25, 1958, a UFO sighting was made in Ottawa, Ohio (in Lutanam County, north of Lima) during the evening. According to newspaper reports, the Civil Defense unit was in touch with Columbus center and on alert all through that night.

First, a round brilliant light was seen hovering over Ottawa for a period of several minutes. The witnesses included the Civil Defense chief for the county, two Ground Observer Corps members, and some Ottawa citizens. The light changed color as it hovered.

Fifteen minutes later, as the Civil Defense man and another observer were hurrying to report the object to Columbus Civil Defense, they saw a brightly lighted cigar-shaped object at very low altitude streak by at extremely high speed.

The editor of our newspaper inquired at the

On the 17th of July 1954, I was told that the information could only be made public at the discretion of the office.

This case was handled by the proper authorities and within a few days of the decision. However, I was not allowed to see the report. I am therefore unable to say what this information was.

[REDACTED]

July 3, 1963

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Air Force files indicate two sightings on the 25th of April 1958, in Ottawa, Ohio. The first sighting occurred at 0320 zebra time and was evaluated as a meteor. The second sighting occurred eight minutes later and was evaluated as being the moon.

Your interest in Air Force activities is appreciated.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. LOOKADOO
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [REDACTED] b1

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Lima, Ohio